

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Motorable Highway throughout Year
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Lambagad site in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand on National Highway No.58 gets blocked frequently thus affecting the connectivity of Badrinath shrine and important military establishments on China Border;
- (b) if so, the number of days the road at Lambagad remained blocked during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make this highway motorable throughout the year in view of its importance from the point of view of tourism, pilgrimage and defence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the proposals received or prepared to make this stretch motorable throughout the year; and
- (e) the steps taken to provide tunneling and / or alternate alignment at this stretch and the funds allocated to make this stretch motorable throughout the year?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): National Highway 58 (NH-58) is entrusted to Border Roads Organisation by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H). During the last three years and the current year the Lambagarh stretch on NH 58 remained blocked due to landslide and heavy rains as given below:-

Year 2012 - 12 days
Year 2013 - 76 days
Year 2014 - 32 days
Year 2015 - 36 days

(c) to (e): MoRT&H has appointed a Consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of NH-58 from Km 368 (Rudraprayag) to Km 528 (Mana) for rehabilitation / improvement including mitigation measures for problematic / landslide locations and accordingly entrusted the mitigation works for the Lambagarh stretch to Public Work Department (PWD) Uttarakhand at an approximate cost of Rs.91.88 crores.
